

FROM OUR HILL

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August 8, 2010

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

## CALLING ALL MINISTERS



On occasion we all need to be reminded about something. We do not intend to forget or to take something for granted but sadly that is our tendency. Allow me to remind you of something that you already know but might need to have your memory nudged.

Here is your reminder: Calvary United Methodist Church is blessed with a wonderful staff! The more time I spend with these wonderful individuals, the more I appreciate their dedication but more importantly, I delight in their love for God. They do not do what they do for accolades or for a paycheck. They earn every penny they receive and deserve far more for what they do. Indeed, it goes beyond a salary. It is a "calling" a "ministry." Perhaps it could be said that their "calling" is a passion of their lives.

One does not have to receive a paycheck or punch a time clock in order to have a legitimate "calling" or a "ministry" within the church. It is one of our primary beliefs as United Methodist Christians that when we are baptized we are accepting a call by God to be one of God's ministers. This is why I cringed when someone refers to me as "The Minister" of Calvary United Methodist Church. The title that the Bible and the United Methodist Church gives me is "Pastor" or "Elder." All of us whether "ordained," or "laity," "compensated" or "uncompensated" are ministers of Calvary United Methodist Church. John Wesley the father of the Methodist movement indicated this truth. The only difference in his mind is that some of us have been set aside and gifted to fulfill certain offices in the church such as an Elder or Deacon.

My point is that each one of us is a minister! The pastors and staff of this church are not here to do the ministry for the church but to equip and enable all the other ministers of the church to fulfill what God has called the church to do.

It is my desire and I believe the desire of the entire staff to help you fulfill the ministry God has intended for you. Unfortunately when something like this is stated what we often hear is, "Well, they need someone to do the grunt work (committee chairpersons, committee members, etc, etc, etc)." Indeed we need people who have the gift of leadership. We need individuals who have the ability to organize but this is not what I mean. We want to help you understand your "spiritual gifts" and discover how your gifts and talents can come together to meet the needs of God's creation.

I want to encourage you to do a couple of things. First, pray. Ask God to give you a passion for ministry. Second, look around you and take note of the needs you see. Third, ask God to show you how you can be in ministry in that circumstance. Fourth; consider signing up for one of Bible Study opportunities that can help you discovering you spiritual gifts and how to use them in service. Or simply come see me or one of the staff and say to us, "Help me discover my ministry at Calvary." Perhaps the ministry God has in mind for you is to help other people find ways to serve. Come and speak to us.

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## CHURCH NEWS

Please consider donating altar flowers for Sunday morning worship! Contact Deb Barcus, Lois McConnell or Betsy in the church office (297-7562) with questions or to participate in this ministry.

There will be a "Gathering with the Pastor" on August 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at The Blakeford at Green Hills

## CHURCH FAMILY

Our love and sympathy to the family of **Virginia Smith** who passed away this week. Virginia's service will be a graveside service at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home on Highway 100 at 11:30 a.m., Monday, August 9.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 8, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Calvary Connection (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Gathering with the Pastor at The Blakeford at Green Hills
- 6:30 p.m. Communion (Chapel)

### Monday, August 9

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

### Tuesday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

### Wednesday, August 11

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 12

### Friday, August 13

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## Remnant Class Sunday School Invites Visitors

The Remnant Sunday School Class would like to invite any interested persons to visit their class on the last Sunday in August and throughout September. Remnant will be hearing from different leaders at Calvary concerning their ministries and vision for Calvary. The class meets in Room E308 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

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| August 29    | Steve and Gretchen Angus              |
| September 5  | Bob Currie, Lay Leader                |
| September 12 | Kevin Walkup, Church Council Chair    |
| September 19 | Nancy Freeman or Larry Brown, Finance |
| September 26 | Mat Eads, Stewardship Chair           |

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is back-to-school time! For families with children and youth, among other things, this means a trip to the store to get new pencils, pens, backpacks, and other goodies. Teachers working in Metro Nashville schools are responsible for providing many of their own classroom supplies, which can become a financial burden. The LPpencilbox works to alleviate this burden. We will be collecting school supplies to help fill the store on Sundays, August 8 (TN sales tax free weekend) and 15. Remember to pick up extra school supplies and bring them to Calvary on those Sundays! For more information contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) or Kris at [kris@calvaryumc.com](mailto:kris@calvaryumc.com)



## Adult Fellowship – Gathering with Steve and Gretchen

If you have not had a chance to attend one of the gatherings with our new pastor, Steve Angus, and his wife, Gretchen, you are invited to join us on Thursday, August 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Steve and Gretchen Angus will be our guest speakers, and they are eager to share their life and faith stories with us, meet you, and hear about your dreams and visions for Calvary. Please call the church at 297-7562 to let us know if you will be attending the gathering and lunch or just the gathering. All persons at Calvary who have not yet had a chance to attend one of these gatherings are invited to attend on August 26. If you have questions, call Libby at the church.

# BIBLE STUDIES 2010

“If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples.” (John 8:31 NJB)

Now is the time to consider making a serious commitment to your intentional faith development in 2010-11 by enrolling in a Bible study. You can find brochures detailing possible Bible study offerings in Masters Common, in the acrylic box outside Libby Baxter’s office (Room E212) and on Calvary’s website ([www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)). You may register by filling out a form or online. Below are abbreviated descriptions of some of the offerings:

**DISCIPLE I** 34 weeks, Sept.-May; 2 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

You must complete DISCIPLE I before taking DISCIPLE II, III, or IV

**DISCIPLE II** 32 weeks, Sept.-May; Leader: Tad Wert; Sundays 4:30-7:00

**DISCIPLE III OR IV** 32 weeks, Sept.-May; 2 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

**Invitation to the Old Testament** 8 weeks; 1 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

Invitation to the New Testament offered in the Spring

**Invitation to Genesis, or the Psalms, or John, or Romans** – all 10 week studies, 1 ½ hours per week, Wednesday or Sunday evening

**Pastor’s Bible Study with Steve Angus** – Wednesday evenings and/or weekday morning

**Companions in Christ Studies: The Way of Grace, The Way of Prayer, The Way of Forgiveness, The Way of Blessedness, or The Way of Discernment** – all 10 weeks studies, 1 ½ hours per week, Wed. or Sunday evenings

**Financial Peace University** 13 weeks; Led by Larry and Ann Brown; Wed. or Sunday

**“This I Know”** Led by Pam Hawkins; 7 weeks; Sundays 4:30-6:30.

Questions: Contact Libby Baxter at 297-7562 or [libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com). For detailed descriptions of classes, pick up a brochure or look at the website. All classes begin after Labor Day.

## WANTED: volunteers willing to admit they don’t know all the answers

Every time a child is brought forward to be baptized, the Calvary congregation enters into a covenant relationship with God on behalf of the child. Each of you has promised to “do all in your power to increase her/his faith, confirm her/his hope, and perfect her/him in love” for each of the children within the Calvary family. It has been a joy watching many of you live into this covenant relationship by serving with children at Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, Summer Sunday School, and other summer ministries.



Entering a new ministry calendar provides you with yet another opportunity to increase a child’s faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love – serving as a Sunday School teacher! If you are looking to return to the children’s Sunday School classroom after a year or two away – there is room for you! If you are considering new ways to be in ministry and live into your baptismal covenant – there is room for you! The curriculum that we will use for children ages 3 thru 5th Grade is new to Calvary this year. The children’s Sunday School classes will be using Living the Good News which is both lectionary-based and learner-centered. The teacher roster is still very, very open for both lead teachers and shepherds. We are in need of lead teachers and shepherds for our 3-year-old class, kindergarten class, 1st grade class, 2nd grade class, 3rd grade class, and 4th grade class.

Please give Stephanie a call to consider ways that you can serve with this valuable ministry of discipleship! 297-7562 or [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com)

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Well follow ministers! What are we waiting for? We need ministers who love children to go to work right now! Those persons who enjoy speaking on the phone, your ministry awaits. Those who find fulfillment in visiting hospitals and nursing homes, what are you waiting for? Those ministers among us who have never met a stranger in your life; someone is waiting for you to visit in their home and invite them to join the church. Classes need to be taught; children need to be visited in public housing, people need to receive a contact of encouragement..... Think it cannot happen? Well, it probably won’t if you do not answer God’s call.

Blessings,

Steve Angus



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